

Figure 1. The conceptual parsing architecture.

Input buffer: the data structure that contains the character string to be parsed. We assume the characters are encoded by UNICODE.

FIG. 1

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A concept denotes a semantic concept in the knowledge base
concept StreetSingle
                                                                             ADDRESS_DATA
         :datamodel
                                                                            { AUSTRALIA UNITED_STATES BRITAIN CANADA NEW_ZEALAND }
        :locale
                                                                     TO THE PROPERTY OF THE PROPERT
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       Identify knowledge
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     base partition of this
                                                                              StreetLevelObjects
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     concept
          :extends
          :frame
                                                                              slot streetNumber { :TYPE NumericLocater :OPTIONAL 1 }
                                                                                                                                                                                                :TYPE name* }
                                                                              slot streetName
                                                                                                                                                                                                 :TYPE StreetClassifler }
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  Provide ISA and
                                                                              slot streetType
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 HASA information
                                                                              slot orientation {:Type OrientationClassifier:optional 1}
          Specify lexico-
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               grammatical pattern
          :expressions
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               and semantic-
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               grammatical mapping
                                                                             pattern
                                                                                                                                                           <NumericLocater, name*,StreetClassifier, OrientationClassifier?>
                                                                                                                      :phrase
                                                                                                                     :bind
                                                                                                                                                            this.bind(streetNumber, this.pattern.phrase[0]),
                                                                                                                                                            this.bind(streetName, this.pattern.phrase[1]),
                                                                                                                                                            this.bind(streetType, this.pattern.phrase[2]),
                                                                                                                                                            this.bind(orientation, this.pattern.phrase[3])
                                                                              }
          }
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     Supply "meta"
             information about the
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       concept
                                                                                 "StreetSingle defines the most common street object"
            :annotation
                                                                                 "12 Bass Drive East"
             :example
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FIG. 2

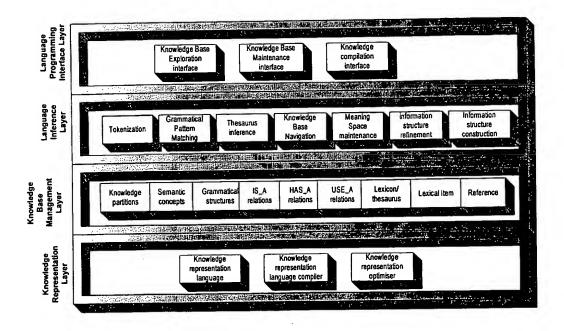
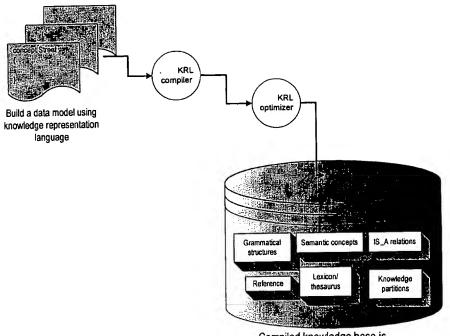


FIG. 3

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Compiled knowledge base is maintained in an object store

FIG. 4

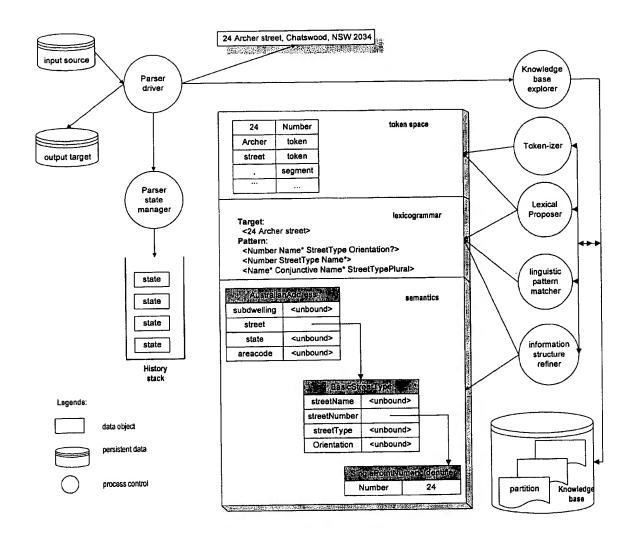


FIG. 5

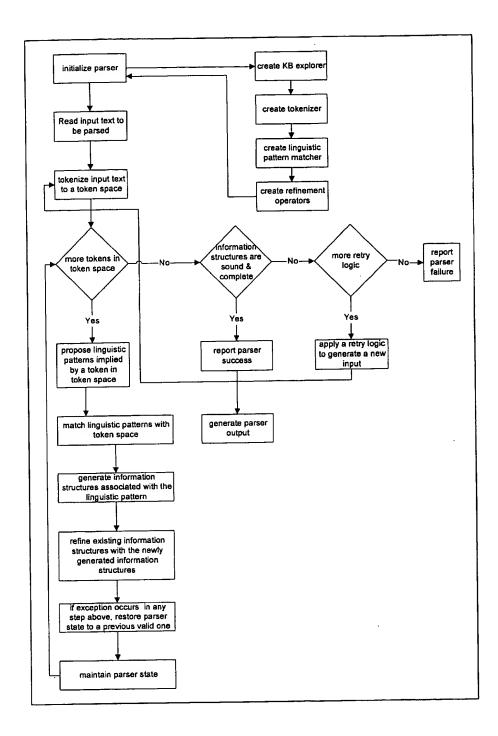


FIG. 6

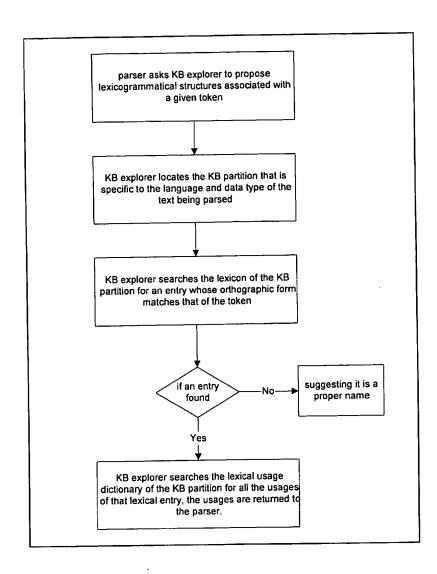


FIG. 7

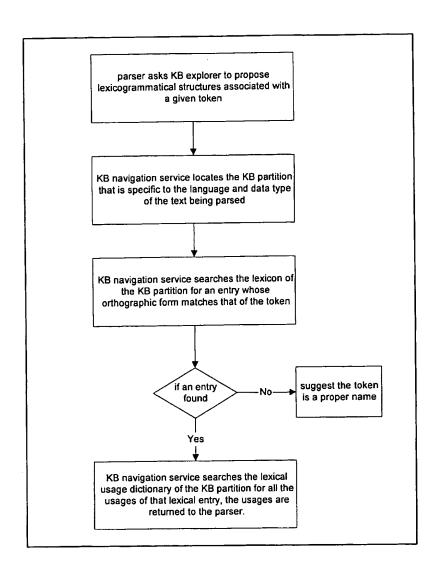


FIG. 8

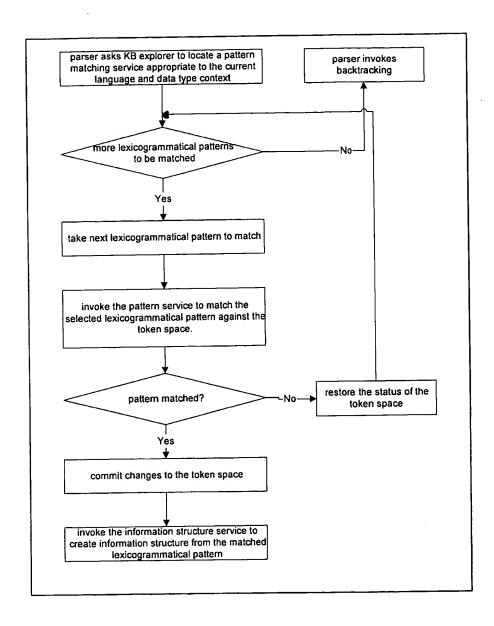


FIG. 9

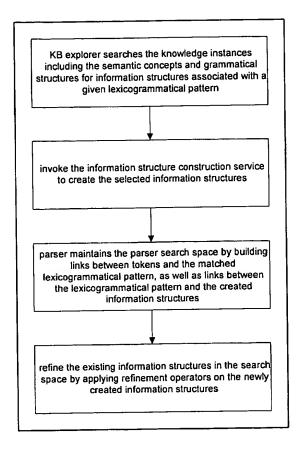


FIG. 10

Example addres: unit 6, 22 Fontency road, ... ...

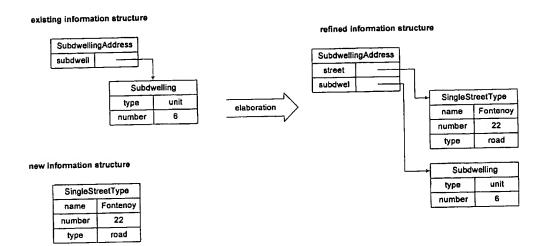


FIG. 11

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Example addres: Fontency road and Curzon street, ... ...

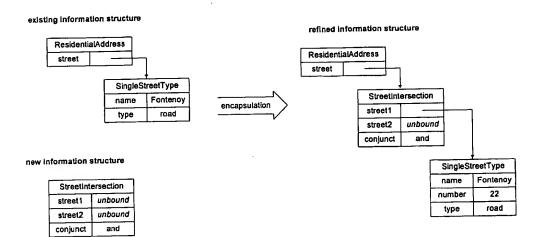


FIG. 12

Example addres: 22 Fontenoy road, Ryde, NSW 2113

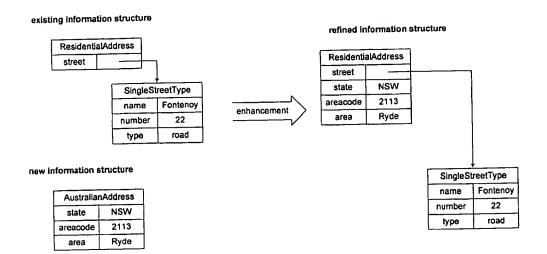


FIG. 13

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Example addres: unit 6, ... ...

existing information structure

refined information structure

new information structure

Subdwelling	
type	unit
number	6

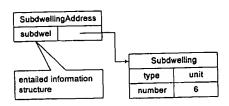


FIG. 14

Example addres: Dept. of computer science, school of engineering, Univ. of Sydney, ... ...

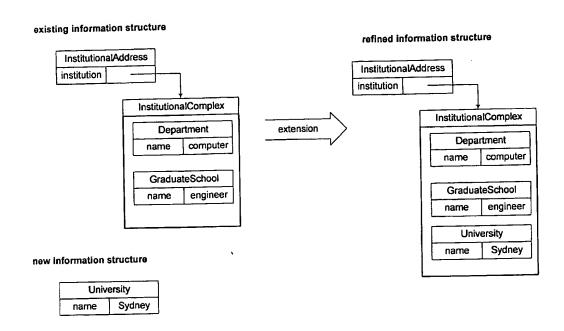


FIG. 15

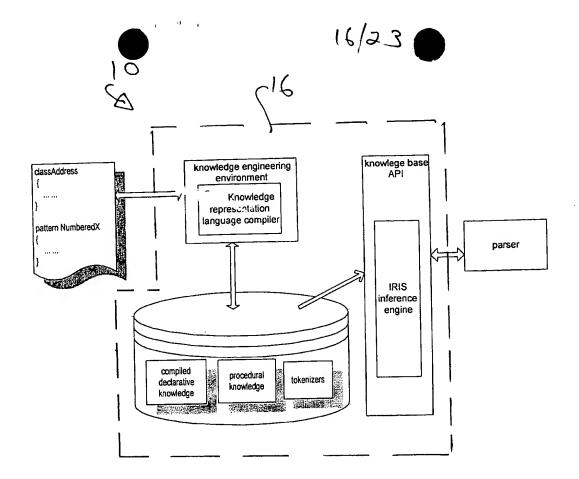


FIG. 16

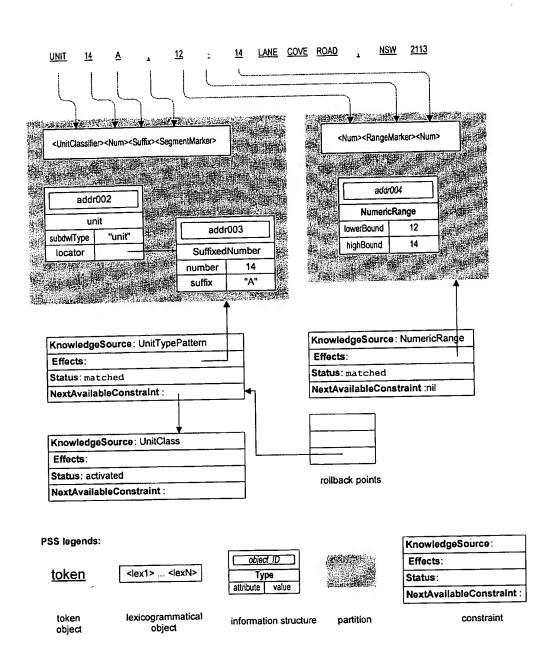


FIG. 17

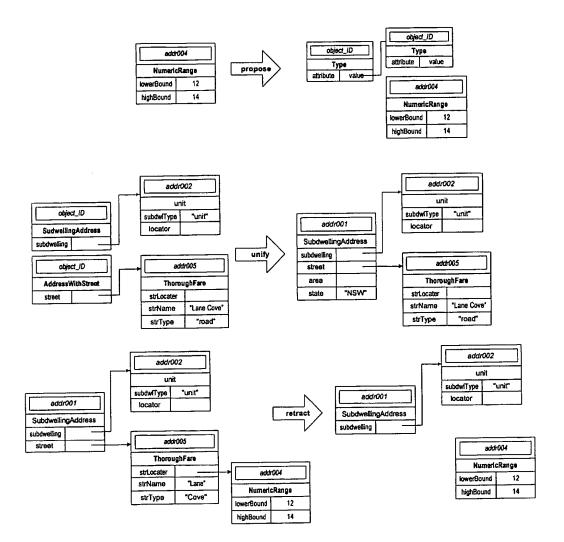


FIG. 18

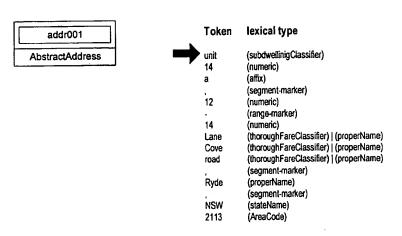


Figure 19.1 Initial state of parsing.

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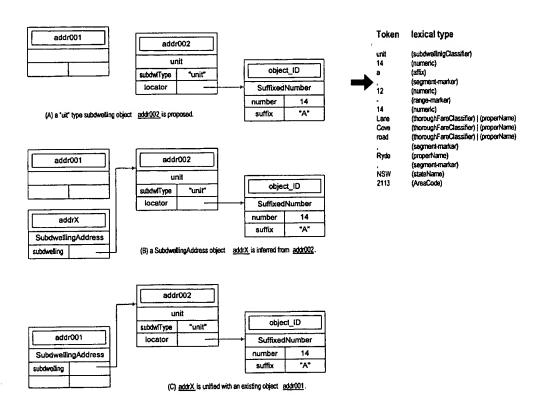


Figure 19.2. Address objects built after parsing "unit 14A".

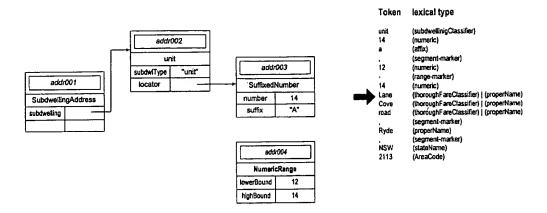
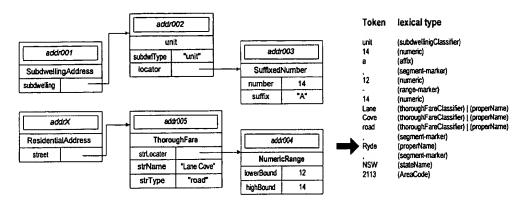
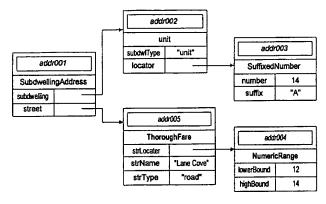


Figure 19.3. Temporary information structure held in stack.



(a) a ThoroughFare object is created and a ResidentialAddress object addrX is inferred.



(b) addrX is unified with the existing addr001 object, elaborating the structure of the latter.

Figure 19.4. Information structure obtained after parsing "12-14 Lane Cove Road".

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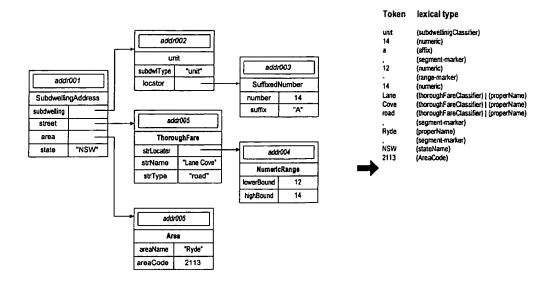


Figure 19.5. The final address information structure.